

Address Confidentiality Program



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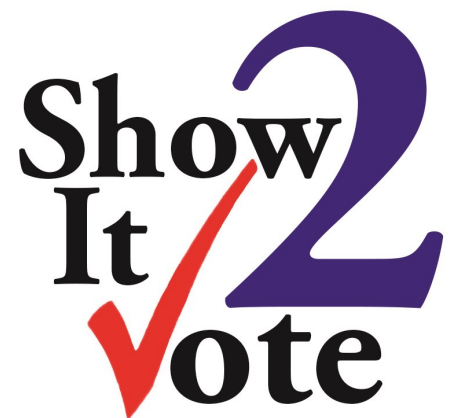
ShowIt2Vote

Missouri's new photo ID requirement for voting is now in effect. In all future elections all voters (including *Safe at Home* participants) will be asked to show a photo ID before they can vote. Here are three ways to meet the requirements:

1. Show a government-issued photo ID:
Driver License—Nondriver License—Passport—Military ID
2. Sign the statement provided at the polling place and show one of the following:
Safe at Home authorization card—Voter Registration Card—ID from a Missouri university, college, vocational or technical school—Utility Bill—Bank Statement—Government Check—Paycheck—Other Government document showing the voter's name and address.
3. Vote a provisional ballot. There are two ways a vote counts. If the signature matches the signature on the voter registration, the vote counts. If the voter returns to the polling place and shows a photo ID, the vote counts.

It is important to remember that *Safe at Home* participants who are registered to vote are registered with a voter code in place of their name. Photo ID may verify identity visually, but it will not allow a poll worker to verify a *Safe at Home* voter code. **Participants still need to take their *Safe at Home* authorization card or their voter ID card when they go to vote to help ensure their voter registration can be confirmed.**

Participants who are not registered to vote through *Safe at Home* may do so by telephoning (866)509-1409 and *Safe at Home* will mail the voter registration application to the participant.



Upcoming Holidays

The *Safe at Home* office will be closed and participant mail will not be forwarded on the following state holidays:

- Independence Day
July 4
- Labor Day
September 4
- Columbus Day
October 9



Registering for School

Registering for school can be an exciting time for families. In preparation for school, remember to utilize the *Safe at Home* substitute address when completing enrollment documents. Public schools are required to accept the *Safe at Home* substitute address in place of the confidential address. If a school representative asks to verify a home address, participants should:

- explain that they participate in an address confidentiality program administered through the secretary of state's office;
- show their authorization card;
- ask the employee to contact the *Safe at Home* program at (866) 509-1409 for residency verification information; and
- refrain from disclosing their confidential address. If a participant voluntarily provides a home address to the school, it might not remain confidential.

It is possible that the employee has not enrolled a *Safe at Home* student before and is not familiar with this process. *Safe at Home* program staff can help explain the program and the residency verification process. Please note that *Safe at Home* will explain the process by telephone, but official requests for address verification must be made in writing by the school.

If there are any questions, please contact *Safe at Home* toll free at (866) 509-1409.

Document Assistance Available

If someone does not possess a photo ID and wants one to vote, the Missouri secretary of state can help voters obtain one nondriver license and the documents needed at no cost to the voter. Voters may need a copy of a certified birth certificate, certified marriage license, certified divorce decree, certified adoption papers or amended birth certificate, a court order documenting a name change, a social security card that reflects the new name, or naturalization papers that prove citizenship to obtain an ID.

If a voter does not have a photo ID to vote, but already possesses the necessary documents to obtain a nondriver license and wants one to vote, they can visit the local license office and request a free nondriver license for voting purposes.

For further information, call the ShowIt2Vote Hotline toll-free (866)868-3245 or e-mail ShowIt2Vote@sos.mo.gov.

FAQ

Q: If I reveal my home address to an organization, is that organization required to keep it confidential?

A: No. *Safe at Home* provides participants with a substitute address to use when making new state and local public records. *SAH* cannot compel an organization to redact your home address or keep it confidential once it has been revealed. Therefore, once a home address has been voluntarily provided, it may not remain confidential.

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